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Applicants	Guy E. Horne, Jr., et al.
Application No. 10/766,295	Filing Date: January 27, 2004
Title of Application:	Composite Flexible Endoscope Insertion Shaft With Tubular Substructure
Confirmation No. 9340	Art Unit: 3739
Examiner	Flanagan, Beverly Meindl

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 14, 2005. Please enter this Response to Official Action in the above-referenced application. Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

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